



# *Convocation*

*for the Class of 2023*

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**FirstOntario Concert Hall**

May 24, 25 and June 12 to 16, 2023

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**Presiding**

Chancellor  
**Santee Smith**  
*BA (Hons), BA, MA*

President and Vice-Chancellor  
**David Farrar**  
*BSc, MSc, PhD*

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# Honorary Degrees & Valedictorians

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**School of Nursing**  
Wednesday, May 24, 2023

*626<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Pat Mandy, Doctor of Laws

**The Valedictory Address**  
Salwa Siddiqui

**Faculty of Health Sciences**  
Thursday, May 25, 2023

*627<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Hendricus Gerard Schmidt, Doctor of Science

**The Valedictory Address**  
Muhammad Taaha Hassan

**Faculty of Humanities and  
the Arts & Science Program**  
Monday, June 12, 2023

*628<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Doctor of Laws

**The Valedictory Address**  
Akosua Asafu-Adjaye

**Faculty of Engineering**  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

*629<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Kimberly Woodhouse, Doctor of Science

**The Valedictory Address**  
George Fares

*630<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Howard Ketelson, Doctor of Science

**The Valedictory Address**  
Rebecca Di Vincenzo

**Faculty of Social Science**  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

*631<sup>st</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Wanda Thomas Bernard, Doctor of Laws

**The Valedictory Address**  
Salsa Sarhan

*632<sup>nd</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Andy Knight, Doctor of Laws

**The Valedictory Address**  
Elizabeth Wong

**Faculty of Science**  
Thursday, June 15, 2023

*633<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Verena Tunnicliffe, Doctor of Science

**The Valedictory Address**  
Meghan Nemeth

*634<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Fredrick Moyes, Doctor of Letters

**The Valedictory Address**  
Amal Khan

*635<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Annette Lee, Doctor of Science

**The Valedictory Address**  
Taren Ginter

**DeGroote School of Business**  
Friday, June 16, 2023

*636<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:*

**The Convocation Address**  
Paul Douglas, Doctor of Laws

**The Valedictory Address**  
Laura Coelho

*637<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:*

**The Valedictory Address**  
Shweta Sapra



Learn more about the Honorary Degree recipients, award winners and valedictorians by visiting [registrar.mcmaster.ca/convocation-2023](https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/convocation-2023)

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The Convocation Address

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The Conferring of Degrees In-Course

The Presentation of the Graduates

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# Session Awards

## **The Chancellor's Gold Medal**

The Chancellor's Gold Medal is one of McMaster University's most prestigious awards. Established in 1938 by Dr. Howard Whidden, the Chancellor's Gold Medal honours a student who ranks highest in scholarship, leadership and influence.

Each year McMaster University awards one undergraduate student in their last year of study with this award. It acknowledges and celebrates their dedication to academics, leadership and culture.

## **The Governor General's Academic Medal**

The Governor General's Academic Medal is one of the most prestigious awards a student in Canada can receive. Established in 1873, this honour recognizes exceptional academic achievement at the high-school, collegiate, undergraduate and graduate levels.

Each year, McMaster University awards just two Governor General's Silver Medals to the students at the university who have achieved the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level. Earning this accolade not only places this year's recipients among the top students to graduate from McMaster; it places them among the top students in Canada.

## **President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership**

The President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership acknowledges the contributions made by students who play a significant role in improving and developing the intellectual, social, and/or cultural fabric of the McMaster community.

## **President's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning**

The President's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning is granted to those educators who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of their students' learning experience.



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# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

## CLASSICS

Cassandra Tran

## ENGLISH

Sarah Marie D'Adamo  
Sheena Melissa Jary  
Sonia Bhartee Persaud  
Shamika Shabnam  
Christina Helen Wiendels

## HISTORY

Mary-Wyn Gunn  
Elvar Ingimundarson  
Nevcihan Ozbilge

## PHILOSOPHY

Katherine Ann Bourdeau

# MASTER OF ARTS

## ENGLISH

Melissa Verna Jean Lidstone

## GENDER STUDIES AND FEMINIST RESEARCH

Colina Helen Maxwell

## HISTORY

Hiu Yeung Chan

## PHILOSOPHY

Ayomide Emmanuel Ajimoko  
Benjamin David Marshall  
Rachel Haebin Yeo

# MASTER OF COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

Haley Marie Bolen  
Brian Robert Decker

Christina Mary Friend  
Marie Josee MacDonald

Amanda Macfarlane  
Brett Sweeney

Sarah Brie Thorsteinson Ogle

# BACHELOR OF ARTS

## HONOURS

Mustafa Ahmed Abbasi  
Samantha Adams  
Sydney Alexandra  
Adams-Edwards  
★ Ayesha Siddiq Ahmed  
Mehr Ahmed  
Lara Akhavan  
★ Summer Lynn Akhtar  
★ Sana Al-Bahrani  
Nadim Al Nakhl  
★ Yakari Sol Alfaro-Laganse  
Tarek Alkorani  
★ Montaha Jabr Alqadri  
★ Heather Caitlin Anderson  
★ Preston Steven Lawrence  
Anderson  
★ Damian Daniel Osadciw Angus  
Zahraa Anwar Anwar

★ Allyson Ashley Appleton  
Muhammad Ebad Khan Arif  
★ Akosua Fonwaa Asafu-  
Adjaye Frimpong  
Zainab Azeem  
★ Chloe McKenna Bagshaw  
★ Sonja Balac  
★ Andrew Thomas Barbier  
★ Alexandra Sara Barborini  
Mikaela Alexis Barbosa  
Mykenzie Anne Margaret Barrera  
Gabriella Bassil  
★ Maria Giovanna Francesca  
Basso-Jimenez  
★ Hiru Batepola Arachchige  
★ John Edward Beck Slatte  
★ Mariam Bekhet  
Breanna Renee Sheri Bens

Brandon Andre Bernard  
Megan Claire Bernardo  
★ Isabella Debra Colleen Berno  
Haley Autumn Birch  
April Isabella Bird  
Yanwen Bo  
★ Madison Boenisch  
★ Renee Daniella Milli-Anne Boney  
★ Olivia Marie Bowman  
★ Michael Bozin  
★ Tristan Alberto Branda  
Max Theodore Bryk  
Shaye Rosalie Burmudzija  
★ Florence Elisabeth Mary  
Rachel Campbell  
★ Jacquelyn Susan Campbell  
★ Alyssa Marie Cathlene Carlo  
★ Victor Carri

★ Amanda Sarah Chan  
Ryan Roy Nicholls Chase  
Zainab Chaudri  
Kiyaan Chavoshi  
Bowe Chen  
Yuansheng Chen  
Zezhou Chen  
★ Olivia Soo-Ying Chong  
Mackenzie Stewart Clark  
Tabitha Katie Clarke  
Matthew Gerald Clelland Clegg  
Yuanliang Cong  
★ John Laurier Copple  
★ Sophia Christina Cornacchia  
Rachel Jane Craig  
★ Jasmine Georgina Crawshaw  
★ Kristen Nicole Da Silva  
Eric Anthony Daiber

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)

- Margaret Ann Dao
- ★ Alexander Davidovic
  - ★ Monica Jamie Davies-Barlow  
Damian Stanley Dawidow  
Giuseppe Antonio De Luca
  - ★ Evan Michael Demarest
  - ★ Emma Marie DiCienzo  
Mohamad Dief  
Brittney Michelle Dirkse  
Jason Minh Tri Do  
Meghan Doyle  
Cyrus Magnus Drabik
  - ★ Amélie Sophia Duguay
  - ★ Brooke Joanne Agnew Dundass
  - ★ Jacob Christopher Dunne
  - ★ Maryssa Eccles
  - ★ Jason Michael Ellis
  - ★ Khadijah Ali Elsayed  
Samantha Marie Emery
  - ★ Emily Elizabeth Eng  
Kristina Jasmine Eros  
Julia Ann Riza Espinosa  
Robert Daniel Faitz  
Bryan Connor Ferguson-Glaspell
  - ★ Lauren Elizabeth Ferreira
  - ★ Diana Rosanne Figliomeni  
Kayley Elizabeth Fitzgibbon  
Shane Anthony Fleming
  - ★ Valeria Isabel Flores Zambrano
  - ★ Rachel Ann Foss
  - ★ Norah Madilyn Akua Frye  
Victoria Alexandra Galic  
Nathalie Jalela Ganesh
  - ★ Muning Gao
  - ★ Stevie Garnett  
Olivia Noelle Gemus
  - ★ Sofia Gwendolyn Sydney Gilbert  
Mahalia Grace Gilmore  
Kristina Elizabeth Goeree  
Samantha Teixeira Goncalves
  - ★ Kalla Graham
  - ★ Elisabeth Ann Greve  
Celine Min Gu  
Liam Nicholas Hall
  - ★ Kahjin Han
  - ★ Noah Benjamin Hart  
Bronwyn Elizabeth Hathaway
  - ★ Amanda Rachael Heaman  
Grace Kathryn Mary Hillis  
Jacqueline Ashley Hines  
Milica Hinic  
Liam Isiah Allan Hodgson
  - ★ Jonathan Elijah Hofsink  
Aaron Ward Ira Houghton  
Quenten Jonathan Randall Howald  
Jie Hu
  - ★ Aislinn June Huang
  - ★ Amy Huang  
Yong Huang
  - ★ Olivia Anne Hudson
  - ★ Katelyn Huh  
Sarah Jade Ena Ingram
  - ★ Ava Canham Islam  
Aicha Issa  
Syed Usman Jafer
  - ★ Tomas Peter Jakovac
  - ★ Duwa Javed
  - ★ Orysia Luba Jaworsky  
Melissa Johnston
  - ★ Shannon Leigh Johnston  
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Sarah Vijay Jos
  - ★ Merima Kadic
  - ★ Lauren Elizabeth Kay
  - ★ Sarah Marlene Harris Kelly  
Sam Harrison Kennedy
  - ★ Tyler James Kennedy
  - ★ Heather Mai Kenny
  - ★ Fazia Khawaja
  - ★ Liam Jacob Kishinevsky
  - ★ Leni Frances Kneller
  - ★ Hunter Reese Korman
  - ★ Alyson Marie Kovacs
  - ★ Sheriann Farhanah Kudrath  
Gabrielle Alexis Landry
  - ★ Hailee Elizabeth Landuyt  
Kaelyn Mary Laraway  
Chiara Melina Larocque
  - ★ Sacha Cesira Larocque
  - ★ Daneika Dekayla Lawrence  
Analeah Isabelle Lefave  
Nathaniel Thomas Legros
  - ★ Abigail Ross Lenardon  
Jiaying Li  
Xiaopeng Li  
Yuke Li  
Tristan Lindo  
Chengdong Liu
  - ★ Crystal Lu  
Junyu Lu  
Erin Abigail MacAllister  
Alexander Jonathon Mackinnon  
Abril Oriana Madero Mondello  
Ana Mamula
  - ★ Nicholas Francis Marshall
  - ★ Bridget McCarthy
  - ★ Kathleen Celia McGall  
Daniel Stirling McKinnon  
Victoria Morgan McLellan  
Elizabeth Anna Muschalla  
McNaughton
  - ★ Quinn Rielle Friest McNeill
  - ★ Isha Mehra
  - ★ Alyssa Mendonca
  - ★ Hilary Faith Menezes
  - ★ Luca Matteo Menna
  - ★ Nicolas Merla
  - ★ Cindy Xinran Miao
  - ★ Michelle Middaugh Cifuentes  
Angeliki Milousis
  - ★ Aleem Mohammed
  - ★ Megan Sue Moniz
  - ★ Izabella Morawski  
Jacob Michael Morgan  
Isaac Quinn Morrissey  
Adriana Caterina Moscato
  - ★ Niki Motameni
  - ★ Rosalia Elizabeth Motsch  
Muhammed Mukadam
  - ★ Cong Tung Nguyen  
Yunjia Ni
  - ★ Michelle Deanne Nicol  
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  - ★ Nicolas Giuseppe Nucci
  - ★ Lauren Nugent  
Cornelis Martin Nyenhuis
  - ★ Chelsea Victoria Ogden
  - ★ Marina Orde
  - ★ Alexandra Pak
  - ★ Jason Edward Palin  
Yuting Pan  
Srujani Panda  
Ryli Jane Pelchat
  - ★ Sarah Kristen Perry
  - ★ Carly Leanne Plain  
Ashley Lillie Marie Pottruff  
Amanda Purnima Prasad
  - ★ Delaney Anne Prendergast  
Mikaela Faith Price
  - ★ Harlee Brianna Purvey  
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Xiao Yu Qu  
Carlos Gerardo Quintero
  - ★ Harleen Kaur Randhawa  
Naomi Leigh Redwood  
Rashelle Annmarie Rego
  - ★ Lureen Resh  
Alexis December Reynard  
Jenna Mazel Rickey
  - ★ Max Thomas Rieger
  - ★ Victoria Elektra Rigas-DiDomenico
  - ★ Faith Andrea Nunez Rigor  
Ji Yeon Riu  
Gurpreet Kaur Romana
  - ★ Alexandra Rydlewski  
Matthew Rynkowski
  - ★ Herleen Kaur Sambhi  
Anna Samson  
Saad Bin Saud
  - ★ Matthew Anthony Sciamanna  
Navjot Singh Sehjpal
  - ★ Nerij Singh Sharia  
Mejgan Shefa
  - ★ Elizabeth Maria Sheldon  
Jay Manoj Sheth  
Raymond Le Yan Shi  
Richard Mackenzie Sickinger
  - ★ Emily Carolyn Simoes
  - ★ Larissa Simone  
Emma Victoria Smith  
Laylah Michelle Smith
  - ★ Mytchel Sonny Smith
  - ★ David John Sockett
  - ★ Sarah Sohail  
Katarina Rosetta Spadafora  
Mia Gianna Spadafora
  - ★ Sanghavi Sripathy
  - ★ Ishmitha Sriskantharajah  
Eesha Srivastava  
Abigail Paulette Stewart  
Isabella Rachel Storey  
Sarah Strachan
  - ★ Thalia Ioanna Diakidis Stybak  
Hafsah Adnan Syeda
  - ★ Nicholas Tadros  
Rosetta Joan Tanner
  - ★ Alexandra Zelia Tavares  
Hannah Abigail Taylor
  - ★ Ella Sharon Tenny
  - ★ Paige Elisabeth Tepsa  
Ananya Thiruselvam
  - ★ Lucy Rebecca Thomas  
Timothy John Thompson
  - ★ Taylor Bligh Torreon
  - ★ Cassie Elizabeth Turkstra  
Lauren Marie Uba
  - ★ Michael Joseph Uhraney
  - ★ Bianca Joanne Vallesi  
Clare Elizabeth Laura Vanmeggelen
  - ★ Maya Paige Ventresca
  - ★ Kyle Andrade Vieira  
Beiwensi Wang  
Xinyue Wang  
Klemens Feliks Wawrzynczyk  
Jiayao Wei  
Grace Lynn Marie Wilcox  
Sarah Patricia Worrton  
Graham Aidan Jack  
Wyndham-West  
Shangran Xu  
Shicheng Xu  
Shuwen Yang  
Haozhe Yu  
Sundus Ahmed Yusuf
  - ★ Yiman Zhang  
Ziqin Zhao
  - ★ Xiaoyan Zhu  
Yingge Zhu

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

## HONOURS

Mariana Ardila Ossott  
Ariella Boltinsky  
Tanisha Morgan Kathleen  
Ann Bryan

★ Eden Blue Griffin  
★ Gabriella Elizabeth Gyorgypal  
★ Pauline Alanna Halsey  
Olivia Kristina Maletic

★ Brianna Nicole Nepitali  
Gabriella Victoria Pacheco  
Makenzie Christeena Robichaud  
★ Joseph John Soldo Mirkhai

★ Raechell Ying-Yun Teo  
★ Amy Nicole Trakalo  
★ Serena Zena Mak Walk  
★ Caitlin Alison Walsh

# BACHELOR OF MUSIC

## HONOURS

★ Robin Altura Coloma  
★ Louise Gilleanne Concepcion  
★ Katherine Sarah Elizabeth  
D'Agostino

Rong Guo  
Maham Ikram Khan  
Jung Pao  
Tamara Kaya Rabeda

★ Shadi Rahmatyan  
Zhixing Sun  
★ Hoi Tsing Nicole Tong

★ Gabrielle Ariane Tuba  
★ Keaton Tye

# BACHELOR OF ARTS & SCIENCE

## HONOURS

★ Dalton Everett Bath  
★ Medha Bhushan  
★ Anitra Victoria Cox Bowman  
★ Caroline Ruth Daly Bredin  
★ Jessie Ruth Chan  
★ Chaoqiang Chen  
★ Miruna Dragomir  
★ Kelly Du  
★ Maya Ruby Eriksen  
★ Rachel Lidia Fisman-Guarascio  
★ Maria Luisa Gherghel  
Oishee Ghosh  
★ Kneisha Cyrene Harder

★ Jaclyn Margaret Cowley  
Holdsworth  
★ Gillian Elsa Irwin  
★ Charlotte Gwendolyn  
Gloria Johnston  
★ Nashita Anam Junaid  
Chloe Qian Guang Kandel  
★ Soyeon Kim  
★ Elle Beck Klassen  
★ Adrienne Sarah Klein  
★ Ivan Kredl  
★ Ju Eun Lee  
★ Gabrielle Maerov

★ David William Wendell Mason  
★ Rachel Mery  
★ David Mikhail  
★ Roya Motazedian  
★ Phoebe Grace Newton  
★ Emily Grace O'Halloran  
★ Keerati Piroonsit  
★ Sydney Allison Potts  
★ Sharang Sharma  
★ Chloe Renee Patricia Sloan  
★ Maria Elizabeth Jane Treash  
★ Maya Verma  
★ Tess Vosper

★ Sneha Wadhvani  
★ Dylan Alexandra Wall  
★ Elise York-Lai Wan  
★ Anna Yaroslava Waschuk  
★ Abigail Rose Koval Willms  
★ Ezekiel Curtis Wilson  
★ Tian Ying Wu  
★ Inaya Yousaf  
★ Jasmine Elizabeth Zaba  
★ Maya Audrey Zabian  
★ William Zhang

# BACHELOR OF ARTS & SCIENCE

★ David Asher Kanter Eivin  
★ Sarah Rose Macdonald  
Corbin James Powell McBride  
★ Derek Wenlong Shen  
★ Navya Sheth  
★ Mengjing Yu

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)

# BACHELOR OF ARTS

Muhammed Emre Akturk  
Blaise Matthew Barber  
Mackenzey Jacqueline Joy Barry  
Paul Bruno Battilana  
★ Rachel Claire Kubilius Bau  
Aliyan Mahmood Bhatti  
Jennifer Lynn Braid  
Angie Chan  
Ruoyu Chen  
Anesha Errington Christie  
★ Kyle Kevan Constantin  
Annabella Maria De Sousa

Alexander Bisset Duff  
Zachary Nicholas Falconi  
Jason Robert Fleetham  
Michael Stephen Franko  
Olivia Nicole Gagnon  
★ Michael Ryan Hawiuk  
Hakeem Stefon Hemmings  
Alexandra Claire Henderson  
Isabella Alexandra Herrera  
Holly Kimberly Hicks  
Jacqueline Loretta Higgins  
Brian Jeffrey

Olivia Christine Kalinowski  
Noah Benjamin Kenney  
Elias Casey Korstanje  
★ Janet Thuy Hien Ly  
★ Donna Winifred McGreal  
Joshua Ryan McLaughlin  
Fatuma Mohamud  
Megan Natalie Calista Noble  
Oyinloluwa Ayotunde Ogunyale  
Cydney J. Pelleboer  
Elie Paul Em Pomerleau  
Logan Schunk

Asher Samuel Segal Braves  
Bhavik Sharma  
Victoria Sara Smyth  
Zachary Donovan Swaby  
Yi Tang  
William Richard Thomas  
Madina Veltian  
Ze Yu Wang  
★ Bill Wodhams  
Xinyi Yu  
Zhekai Zhu

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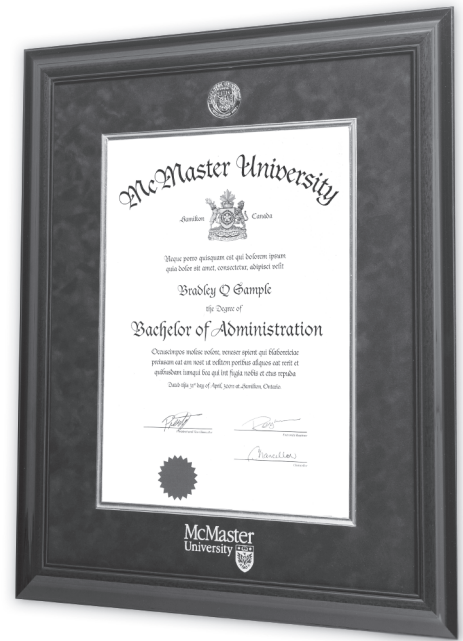
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